

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE OF MOTION

MEMBER FOR CLARK: I give notice that on the next day of sitting I shall move that this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the trial and extradition of Mr Julian Assange are inconsistent with international law, and Australian legal standards, and contravene the individual rights and protections for which these laws and standards provide;
 - (b) the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment has found that Mr Assange 'showed all symptoms typical for prolonged exposure to psychological torture, including extreme stress, chronic anxiety and intense psychological trauma';
 - (c) several medical reports find that Mr Assange is in ill-health due to prolonged arbitrary confinement, and indeed the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention ruled that the 50-week sentence of Mr Assange for bail violation, which formally ended on 21 September 2019, was punitive and disproportionate given the nature of the offence and usual sentences;
 - (d) Mr Assange is facing extradition for an alleged political offence, which is expressly prohibited by Article 4(1) of the Anglo-US Extradition Treaty and an abuse of power; and
 - (e) Mr Assange is an Australian citizen and, if convicted in the US, faces 175 years in prison, which would be in effect a death sentence;
- (2) acknowledges that Mr Assange is a publisher and journalist, as recognised by his 2011 Walkley award and 17 other awards for excellence in journalism and promoting human rights, and that his charges:
 - (a) are a direct assault on press freedom; and
 - (b) threaten the protection of others who publish classified information in the public interest; and
- (3) calls for Mr Assange to be allowed to return to Australia.

Heinkel (signed)
Mover

[Signature] (signed)
Seconded, Member for Mayo